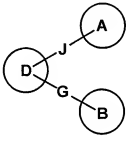
**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A compound of formula (I):




(I)

~~wherein ring A, ring B, and ring D each independently represents a cyclic group which may be substituted;~~

~~J represents a bond or a spacer having 1 to 8 atoms in its main chain; and~~

~~G represents a bond or a spacer having 1 to 4 atoms in its main chain;~~

wherein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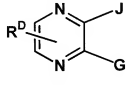


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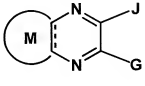



wherein $R^D$ represents ~~a substituent of ring D~~(1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) halogen, (6) cyano, (7) nitro, (8) $-CONR^7R^8$, (9) $-COOR^9$, (10)

Cyc1 or (11) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) $-CONR^7R^8$, (b) $-COOR^9$, (c) $-OR^{10}$, (d) $-NR^{11}R^{12}$, (e) halogen, and (f) Cyc1;

$R^7$ and $R^8$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) Cyc2, (6) $-OR^{13}$ or (7) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) $-OR^{13}$, (b) $-NR^{14}R^{15}$, (c) $-NR^{16}COR^{17}$, (d) halogen, (e) $CF_3$, and (f) Cyc2; or

$R^7$ and $R^8$ are taken together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to represent a pyrrolidine ring, a piperidine ring, an azepane ring, a piperazine ring, a morpholine ring, a thiomorpholine ring, a 2,5-dihydropyrrole ring or a 1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine ring which may be substituted with (a) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (b) halogen, (c) hydroxyl, or (d) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl substituted with hydroxyl;

$R^{13}$ to $R^{17}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) Cyc1, or (6) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with Cyc1;

$R^9$ to $R^{12}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) Cyc1, or (6) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with Cyc1;

Cyc1 represents a benzene ring, naphthalene ring, thiophen ring, 1,3-benzodioxole ring or phenanthrene ring, wherein Cyc11 may be substituted with 1 to 5 of $R^{18}$;

$R^{18}$ represents (1) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (2) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (4) halogen, (5) cyano, (6) nitro, (7) trifluoromethyl, (8) trifluoromethoxy, (9) $-OR^{19}$, (10) $-SR^{20}$, (11) $-NR^{21}R^{22}$,

(12) -$COR^{23}$, (13) -$COOR^{24}$, (14) -$NR^{25}COR^{26}$, (15) -$CONR^{27}R^{28}$, (16) Cyc2, or (17) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) halogen, (b) cyano, (c) nitro, (d) trifluoromethyl, (e) trifluoromethoxy, (f) -$OR^{19}$, (g) -$SR^{20}$, (h) -$NR^{21}R^{22}$, (i) -$COR^{23}$, (j) -$COOR^{24}$, (k) -$NR^{25}COR^{26}$, (l) -$CONR^{27}R^{28}$, and (m) Cyc2;

$R^{19}$ to $R^{28}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) Cyc2, or (6) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with Cyc2;

Cyc2 represents a benzene, cyclobutane, cyclopentane, cyclohexane, pyridine, pyrimidine, tetrahydrofuran, thiazole, oxazole, isoxazole, pyrazole or 1,2,4-thiadiazole, wherein Cyc2 may be substituted with 1 to 5 of $R^{29}$;

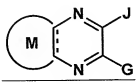
$R^{29}$ represents (1) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (2) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (4) halogen, (5) cyano, (6) nitro, (7) hydroxyl, (8) trifluoromethyl, (9) trifluoromethoxy, or (10) -$OR^{100}$;

$R^{100}$ represents $C_{1-8}$ alkyl;

---- represents a single bond or a double bond; and

M represents a 3- to 11-membered monocyclic or bicyclic cyclic group which may be substituted;

wherein

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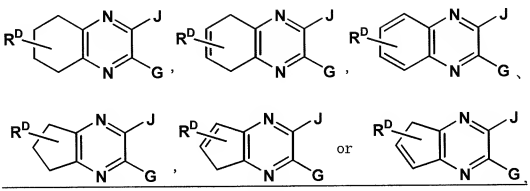


ring A is a benzene ring, a naphthalene ring, a pyridine ring, a pyrazole ring, a dioxaindane ring, a benzodioxane ring, a cyclopropane ring, a cyclopentane ring, a furan ring, a thiophene ring, a tetrahydrofuran ring, a piperidine ring or a morpholine ring which may be substituted with (1) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (2) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (4) halogen, (5) cyano, (6) nitro, (7) trifluoromethyl, (8) trifluoromethoxy, (9) $-OR^{31}$, (10) $-NR^{32}R^{33}$, (11) $-NR^{34}COR^{35}$, (12) Cyc3, or (13) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) halogen, (b) cyano, (c) nitro, (d) trifluoromethyl, (e) trifluoromethoxy, (f) $-OR^{31}$, (g) $-NR^{32}COR^{33}$, (h) $-NR^{34}COR^{35}$, and (i) Cyc3;

$R^{31}$ to $R^{35}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) Cyc3, or (6) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) Cyc3, (b) $-OR^{36}$ and (c) $-NR^{37}R^{38}$;

$R^{36}$ to $R^{38}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $-OR^{39}$, or (4) $-NR^{40}R^{41}$;

$R^{39}$ to $R^{41}$ each independently represents hydrogen or $C_{1-8}$ alkyl;

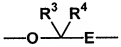
Cyc3 represents a benzene ring, a piperidine ring or a morpholine ring;

ring B is a benzene ring, a pyridine ring, a thiophene ring, a naphthalene ring, a pyrrole ring, a pyrazole ring, an isoxazole ring, a thiazole ring, a benzothiophene ring, an imidazole ring or a furan ring which may be substituted with (1) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (2) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (4) halogen, (5) cyano, (6) nitro, (7) trifluoromethyl, (8) trifluoromethoxy, (9) $-OR^{42}$, (10) $-NR^{43}R^{44}$, (11) $-SR^{101}$, (12) $-SO_2R^{102}$, (13) $-COR^{103}$, (14) $-COOR^{104}$, (15) Cyc2, or (16) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) $-COOR^{104}$, (b) $-NR^{105}COR^{106}$, and (c) Cyc2;

$R^{42}$ to $R^{44}$ and $R^{101}$ to $R^{106}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) Cyc2, or (4) $-COR^{107}$, or (5) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl substituted with 1 to 5 halogen atoms;

$R^{107}$ represents $C_{1-8}$ alkyl~~a $C_{3-8}$ monocyclic carbocyclic ring which may be substituted or a 3- to 8-membered monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1 to 4 nitrogen atoms, 1 or 2 oxygen atoms and/or 1 or 2 sulfur atoms as a hetero atom(s) which may be substituted~~;

J is



wherein $R^3$ and $R^4$ each independently represents hydrogen or $C_{1-8}$ alkyl; and

E represents a bond or a spacer having 1 to 6 atoms in its main chain; and

G is $-NR^{T1}-SO_2-$

wherein $R^{T1}$ represents hydrogen, $C_{1-8}$ alkyl~~ which may be substituted~~, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl~~ which may be substituted~~, $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl~~ which may be substituted~~ or a 3- to 8-membered cyclic group~~ which may be substituted~~;

or a salt thereof.

Claims 2-24. (canceled).

25. (previously presented): The compound according to claim 1, wherein $R^3$ and $R^4$ each independently represents hydrogen or methyl.

26. (previously presented): The compound according to claim 1, wherein E is a bond.

27. (previously presented): The compound according to claim 1, wherein E is a spacer having 1 to 6 atoms in its main chain.

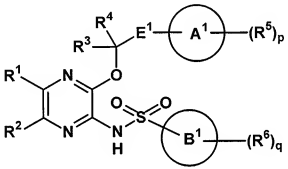
28. (original): The compound according to claim 27, wherein E is $C_{1-4}$ alkylene or $C_{1-3}$ alkyleneoxy.

29. (original): The compound according to claim 28, wherein E is methylene or methylenoxy.

Claims 30-31. (canceled).

32. (previously presented): The compound according to claim 1, wherein G is -NH-$SO_2$-.

33. (currently amended): The compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is a compound of formula (A):



(A)

wherein $R^1$ and $R^2$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) halogen, (6) cyano, (7) nitro, (8) -$CONR^7R^8$, (9) -$COOR^9$, (10) Cycl or (11) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) -$CONR^7R^8$, (b) -$COOR^9$, (c) -$OR^{10}$, (d) -$NR^{11}R^{12}$, (e) halogen, and (f) Cyc1; or

$R^1$ and $R^2$ are taken together to represent $C_{3-4}$ alkylene, -CH=CH-$CH_2$-, -$CH_2$-CH=CH-, -CH=CH-CH=CH- or -CH=CH-$CH_2$-$CH_2$-, wherein the carbocyclic ring to be formed may be substituted with $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, $C_{1-8}$ alkoxy, halogen, cyano, nitro or hydroxyl, wherein $R^7$ and $R^8$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) Cyc2, (6) -$OR^{13}$ or (7) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) -$OR^{13}$, (b) -$NR^{14}R^{15}$, (c) -$NR^{16}COR^{17}$, (d) halogen, (e) $CF_3$, and (f) Cyc2; or

$R^7$ and $R^8$ are taken together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to represent a ~~3- to 8-membered monocyclic heterocyclic ring having at least one nitrogen atom as a hetero atom(s) and 0 to 3 nitrogen atoms, 0 to 1 oxygen atom and/or 0 to 1 sulfur atom as an other hetero atom(s), wherein the heterocyclic ring~~ pyrrolidine ring, a piperidine ring, an azepane ring, a piperazine ring, a morpholine ring, a thiomorpholine ring, a 2,5-dihydropyrrole ring or a 1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine ring which may be substituted with (a) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (b) halogen, (c) hydroxyl, or (d) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl substituted with hydroxyl;

$R^{13}$ to $R^{17}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) Cyc1, or (6) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with Cyc1;

$R^9$ to $R^{12}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) Cyc1, or (6) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with Cyc1;

Cyc1 represents a ~~$C_{3-15}$ monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic carbocyclic ring or a 3- to 15-membered monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic heterocyclic ring having 1 to 4 nitrogen atoms, 1 or 2 oxygen atoms and/or 1 or 2 sulfur atoms as a hetero atom(s),~~ benzene ring, a naphthalene ring, thiophene ring, 1,3-benzodioxole ring or phenanthrene ring, wherein Cyc1 may be substituted with 1 to 5 of $R^{18}$;

$R^{18}$ represents (1) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (2) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (4) halogen, (5) cyano, (6) nitro, (7) trifluoromethyl, (8) trifluoromethoxy, (9) $-OR^{19}$, (10) $-SR^{20}$, (11) $-NR^{21}R^{22}$, (12) $-COR^{23}$, (13) $-COOR^{24}$, (14) $-NR^{25}COR^{26}$, (15) $-CONR^{27}R^{28}$, (16) Cyc2, or (17) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) halogen, (b) cyano, (c)

nitro, (d) trifluoromethyl, (e) trifluoromethoxy, (f) -$OR^{19}$, (g) -$SR^{20}$, (h) -$NR^{21}R^{22}$, (i) -$COR^{23}$, (j) -$COOR^{24}$, (k) -$NR^{25}COR^{26}$, (l) -$CONR^{27}R^{28}$, and (m) Cyc2;

$R^{19}$ to $R^{28}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) Cyc2, or (6) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with Cyc2;

Cyc2 represents a ~~$C_{3-8}$ monocyclic carbocyclic ring or a 3- to 8-membered monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1 to 4 nitrogen atoms, 1 or 2 oxygen atoms and/or 1 or 2 sulfur atoms as a hetero atom(s),~~benzene, cyclobutane, cyclopentane, cyclohexane, pyridine, pyrimidine, tetrahydrofuran, thiazole, oxazole, isoxazole, pyrazole or 1,2,4-thiadiazole, wherein Cyc2 may be substituted with 1 to 5 of $R^{29}$;

$R^{29}$ represents (1) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (2) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (4) halogen, (5) cyano, (6) nitro, (7) hydroxyl, (8) trifluoromethyl, (9) trifluoromethoxy, or (10) -$OR^{100}$;

$R^{100}$ represents $C_{1-8}$ alkyl.;

$R^3$ and $R^4$ each independently represents hydrogen or $C_{1-8}$ alkyl;

$E^1$ represents a bond or $C_{1-6}$ alkylene, wherein a carbon atom in the alkylene group may be substituted with oxygen, sulfur, or -$NR^{30}$-;

$R^{30}$ represents (1) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (2) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (4) phenyl, or (5) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl substituted with phenyl;

ring $A^1$ is a benzene ring, a naphthalene ring, a pyridine ring, a pyrazole ring, a dioxaindane ring, a benzodioxane ring, a cyclopropane ring, a cyclopentane ring, a furan ring, a thiophene ring, a tetrahydrofuran ring, a piperidine ring or a morpholine ring~~represents a $C_{3-15}$ monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic carbocyclic ring or a 3- to 15-membered monocyclic, bicyclic~~

~~or tricyclic heterocyclic ring having 1 to 4 nitrogen atoms, 1 or 2 oxygen atoms and/or 1 or 2 sulfur atoms as a hetero atom(s)~~;

$R^5$ represents (1) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (2) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (4) halogen, (5) cyano, (6) nitro, (7) trifluoromethyl, (8) trifluoromethoxy, (9) $-OR^{31}$, (10) $-NR^{32}R^{33}$, (11) $-NR^{34}COR^{35}$, (12) Cyc3, or (13) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) halogen, (b) cyano, (c) nitro, (d) trifluoromethyl, (e) trifluoromethoxy, (f) $-OR^{31}$, (g) $-NR^{32}COR^{33}$, (h) $-NR^{34}COR^{35}$, and (i) Cyc3;

$R^{31}$ to $R^{35}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) Cyc3, or (6) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) Cyc3, (b) $-OR^{36}$ and (c) $-NR^{37}R^{38}$;

$R^{36}$ to $R^{38}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $-OR^{39}$, or (4) $-NR^{40}R^{41}$;

$R^{39}$ to $R^{41}$ each independently represents hydrogen or $C_{1-8}$ alkyl;

Cyc3 represents a ~~$C_{3-8}$ monocyclic carbocyclic ring or a 3- to 8-membered monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1 to 4 nitrogen atoms, 1 or 2 oxygen atoms and/or 1 or 2 sulfur atoms as a hetero atom(s)~~benzene ring, a piperidine ring or a morpholine ring;

ring $B^1$ is a benzene ring, a pyridine ring, a thiophene ring, a naphthalene ring, a pyrrole ring, a pyrazole ring, an isoxazole ring, a thiazole ring, a benzothiophene ring, an imidazole ring or a furan ring~~represents a $C_{3-8}$ monocyclic carbocyclic ring or a 3- to 8-membered monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1 to 4 nitrogen atoms, 1 or 2 oxygen atoms and/or 1 or 2 sulfur atoms as a hetero atom(s)~~;

$R^6$ represents (1) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (2) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (4) halogen, (5) cyano, (6) nitro, (7) trifluoromethyl, (8) trifluoromethoxy, (9) $-OR^{42}$, (10) $-NR^{43}R^{44}$, (11) $-SR^{101}$, (12) $-SO_2R^{102}$, (13) $-COR^{103}$, (14) $-COOR^{104}$, (15) Cyc2, or (16) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) $-COOR^{104}$, (b) $-NR^{105}COR^{106}$, and (c) Cyc2;

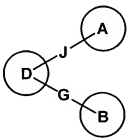
$R^{42}$ to $R^{44}$ and $R^{101}$ to $R^{106}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) Cyc2, or (4) $-COR^{107}$, or (5) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl substituted with 1 to 5 halogen atoms;

$R^{107}$ represents $C_{1-8}$ alkyl; and

p and q each independently represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 5.

34. (withdrawn): A prodrug for the compound according to claim 1.

35. (currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition which comprises the compound of formula (I):




(I)

~~wherein ring A, ring B, and ring D each independently represents a cyclic group which may be substituted;~~

~~J represents a bond or a spacer having 1 to 8 atoms in its main chain; and~~

~~G represents a bond or a spacer having 1 to 4 atoms in its main chain;~~

wherein

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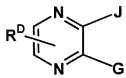

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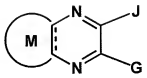


wherein $R^D$ represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) halogen, (6) cyano, (7) nitro, (8) -$CONR^7R^8$, (9) -$COOR^9$, (10) Cyc1 or (11) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) -$CONR^7R^8$, (b) -$COOR^9$, (c) -$OR^{10}$, (d) -$NR^{11}R^{12}$, (e) halogen, and (f) Cyc1;

$R^7$ and $R^8$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) Cyc2, (6) -$OR^{13}$ or (7) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) -$OR^{13}$, (b) -$NR^{14}R^{15}$, (c) -$NR^{16}COR^{17}$, (d) halogen, (e) $CF_3$, and (f) Cyc2; or

$R^7$ and $R^8$ are taken together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to represent a pyrrolidine ring, a piperidine ring, an azepane ring, a piperazine ring, a morpholine ring, a thiomorpholine ring, a 2,5-dihydropyrrole ring or a 1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine ring which may be substituted with (a) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (b) halogen, (c) hydroxyl, or (d) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl substituted with hydroxyl;

$R^{13}$ to $R^{17}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) Cyc1, or (6) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with Cyc1;

$R^9$ to $R^{12}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) Cyc1, or (6) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with Cyc1;

Cyc1 represents a benzene ring, naphthalene ring, thiophene ring, 1,3-benzodioxole ring or phenanthrene ring, wherein Cyc1 may be substituted with 1 to 5 of $R^{18}$;

$R^{18}$ represents (1) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (2) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (4) halogen, (5) cyano, (6) nitro, (7) trifluoromethyl, (8) trifluoromethoxy, (9) $-OR^{19}$, (10) $-SR^{20}$, (11) $-NR^{21}R^{22}$, (12) $-COR^{23}$, (13) $-COOR^{24}$, (14) $-NR^{25}COR^{26}$, (15) $-CONR^{27}R^{28}$, (16) Cyc2, or (17) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) halogen, (b) cyano, (c) nitro, (d) trifluoromethyl, (e) trifluoromethoxy, (f) $-OR^{19}$, (g) $-SR^{20}$, (h) $-NR^{21}R^{22}$, (i) $-COR^{23}$, (j) $-COOR^{24}$, (k) $-NR^{25}COR^{26}$, (l) $-CONR^{27}R^{28}$, and (m) Cyc2;

$R^{19}$ to $R^{28}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) Cyc2, or (6) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with Cyc2;

Cyc2 represents a benzene, cyclobutane, cyclopentane, cyclohexane, pyridine, pyrimidine, tetrahydrofuran, thiazole, oxazole, isoxazole, pyrazole or 1,2,4-thiadiazole, wherein Cyc2 may be substituted with 1 to 5 of $R^{29}$;

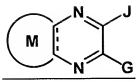
$R^{29}$ represents (1) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (2) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (4) halogen, (5) cyano, (6) nitro, (7) hydroxyl, (8) trifluoromethyl, (9) trifluoromethoxy, or (10) $-OR^{100}$;

$R^{100}$ represents $C_{1-8}$ alkyl~~a substituent of ring D~~;

~~----~~ represents a single bond or a double bond; and

M represents a 3- to 11-membered monocyclic or bicyclic cyclic group which may be substituted;

wherein



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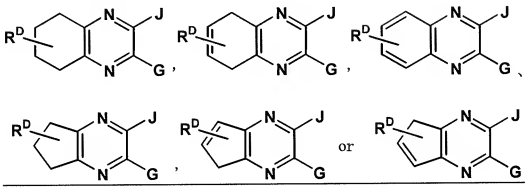


ring A is a benzene ring, a naphthalene ring, a pyridine ring, a pyrazole ring, a dioxaindane ring, a benzodioxane ring, a cyclopropane ring, a cyclopentane ring, a furan ring, a thiophene ring, a tetrahydrofuran ring, a piperidine ring or a morpholine ring which may be substituted with (1) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (2) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (4) halogen, (5) cyano, (6) nitro, (7) trifluoromethyl, (8) trifluoromethoxy, (9) $-OR^{31}$, (10) $-NR^{32}R^{33}$, (11) $-NR^{34}COR^{35}$, (12) Cyc3, or (13) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) halogen, (b) cyano, (c) nitro, (d) trifluoromethyl, (e) trifluoromethoxy, (f) $-OR^{31}$, (g) $-NR^{32}COR^{33}$, (h) $-NR^{34}COR^{35}$, and (i) Cyc3;

$R^{31}$ to $R^{35}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (4) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (5) Cyc3, or (6) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) Cyc3, (b) $-OR^{36}$ and (c) $-NR^{37}R^{38}$;

$R^{36}$ to $R^{38}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) $-OR^{39}$, or (4) $-NR^{40}R^{41}$;

$R^{39}$ to $R^{41}$ each independently represents hydrogen or $C_{1-8}$ alkyl;

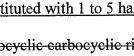
Cyc3 represents a ~~$C_{3-8}$ monocyclic carbocyclic ring or a 3- to 8-membered monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1 to 4 nitrogen atoms, 1 or 2 oxygen atoms and/or 1 or 2 sulfur atoms as a hetero atom(s)~~benzene ring, a piperidine ring or a morpholine ring;

ring B is a benzene ring, a pyridine ring, a thiophene ring, a naphthalene ring, a pyrrole ring, a pyrazole ring, an isoxazole ring, a thiazole ring, a benzothiophene ring, an imidazole ring or a furan ring which may be substituted with (1) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (2) $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl, (3) $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl, (4) halogen, (5) cyano, (6) nitro, (7) trifluoromethyl, (8) trifluoromethoxy, (9) $-OR^{42}$, (10) $-NR^{43}R^{44}$, (11) $-SR^{101}$, (12) $-SO_2R^{102}$, (13) $-COR^{103}$, (14) $-COOR^{104}$, (15) Cyc2, or (16) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl or $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl substituted with 1 to 5 groups selected from (a) $-COOR^{104}$, (b) $-NR^{105}COR^{106}$, and (c) Cyc2;

$R^{42}$ to $R^{44}$ and $R^{101}$ to $R^{106}$ each independently represents (1) hydrogen, (2) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, (3) Cyc2, or (4) $-COR^{107}$, or (5) $C_{1-8}$ alkyl substituted with 1 to 5 halogen atoms;

$R^{107}$ represents $C_{1-8}$ alkyl~~a $C_{3-8}$ monocyclic carbocyclic ring which may be substituted or a 3- to 8-membered monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1 to 4 nitrogen atoms, 1 or 2 oxygen atoms and/or 1 or 2 sulfur atoms as a hetero atom(s) which may be substituted~~;

J is



wherein $R^3$ and $R^4$ each independently represents hydrogen or $C_{1-8}$ alkyl; and

E represents a bond or a spacer having 1 to 6 atoms in its main chain;

G is $-NR^{T1}-SO_2-$

wherein $R^{T1}$ represents hydrogen, $C_{1-8}$ alkyl ~~which may be substituted~~, $C_{2-8}$ alkenyl ~~which may be substituted~~, $C_{2-8}$ alkynyl ~~which may be substituted~~ or a 3- to 8-membered cyclic group ~~which may be substituted~~;

or a salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 36-49. (canceled).